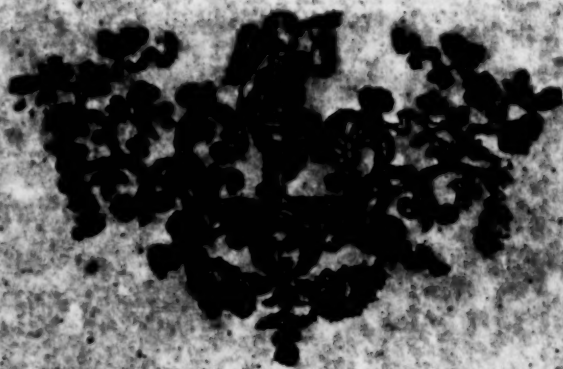


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IT is very uncertain where this *Child* was begotten, but the Mother was so exceeding ill, during the Time of her *breeding*, that the Father, who was a doting and fond Husband, and who never had had a *Child* before, carried her to *England*, to have the Advice of the most eminent *Physicians*; to whom (as it is constantly affirmed) he gave no less in Fees, than one

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Thousand two Hundred *Guineas*, and after some time, having *Assurances* from them, that she was in no danger of a *Miscarriage*, he returned with her to *Ireland*, where, in a short time, she fell in Labour, was *dangerously ill*, and at length was safely deliver'd of a *BOY*.

The *Child* came into the World with great *Screaks* and *Cries*, which the Skillful about her imputed to *Gripes* and a *Windy-Cholick*, which still increasing, they call'd-in for the Assistance of four *eminent Physicians*, who held a Consultation, and upon enquiry finding that the *Child* could not suck, and consequently must perish for want of Nourishment; advis'd to have it fed by a Spoon with *Asses Milk*, and that *Glysters* might be injected to help the *Gripes*.

The *Child* could not swallow a sufficient quantity of the *Asses Milk*, to nourish and support it; and the *Gripes* increasing, a *French Apothecary* was order'd to prepare and inject a *Glyster*, who, declar'd upon the experiment, that the *Parts* were so obstructed, that he
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could emit none of the Liquid, and that blowing in Wind would not recover it; in short, notwithstanding all Art, Industry, and Expence, the Child grew worse and worse, and being seized with violent Convulsions, departed this Life December the 9th. 1721.

Sir Oliver Windybank, in great Grief for the loss of his only Child, and not entirely despairing of another, (fearing I might be seized with the same Distemper, and in order to enable the Physicians to make a better Judgment on the like Occasion) consented to have it opened, and sent for a French Surgeon to perform the Operation, with strict Orders to preserve the Guts and Garbage, and to convey them into the Tomb of the Windybanks, where the Body of Michy was to be deposited.

The first Part of the Body that was opened, was the Chest, where nothing was found but a little extravasated Blood, but opening farther, it appeared that the Liver and Lungs were corrupted, and that there was a Polypus in the Heart, which stop'd Circulation. The

The House was prodigiously crouded with numbers, who came in, thro' Respect and Curiosity, and when the *Lower Belly* was open'd, there was such a nauseous Stench diffus'd, that about three fourths of the number went out of the House, and the rest staid to see the *Body* embalm'd.

Sir *Oliver* resolving to give him a decent and pompous *Funeral*, suitable to his *Quality*, sent to the King at Arms who both agreed upon the *Ceremonials* and *Procession* of the *Funeral* in manner following.

First, That the *Child* should be embalm'd and lap'd in *Sheets of Paper*.

Secondly, That for a *Coffin* he should be enclosed up in an *Iron Chest* to prevent *INFECTION*.

Thirdly, That he should be put into a *Hearse* to be drawn by six *Horses* cloathed in *black*, and that *Andrew Topham* who proffer'd his Service should drive the

the Hearse in a *Mask*, and that was to be the *Postillion*.

Fourthly, That the *Escutcheons* adorning the Hearse should be the *insolvent Bonds* of Sir *Oliver* blotted and dyed black, with the Arms of the *Windybanks* painted and quarter'd in white.

Fifthly, That the *Chief Mourner* shou'd be the Person design'd for *Mich's* Governour, who was to be followed by twelve other Mourners next ally'd to the *Child*.

Sixthly, Eight Female Mourners led by eight Clergymen Scarfs and Crape Tippetts, with their Faces covered with Hats and Hoods.

Seventhly, Seventy-two poor *French Refugees*, being one for each Day of the *Child's* Life, with black Ribbons and black Bays-Frocks to carry the Links, conducted by one *French Baron*, with a black Hat, Cap, &c.

Eighthly,

Eighthly, Twenty two second Mour-
ners remotely related to Sir *Oliver*.

Ninthly, The Attendants (instead of
Rosemary) to carry *Shreds of Paper* in-
scribed, **MICHAEL WINDYBANK**,
which are to be thrown after him into
the *Vault*.

Tenthly, The Corps to be Inter'd by
one *French Dean*, after the *Extempore*
Manner. ☞ The *four Physicians* were
not present at the *Funeral* but had
Mourning sent Them.

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